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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED: 1267 DE-LISTING REQUESTS FOR
NADA AND HIMMAT

REF: A. STATE 4740
[1](#)B. ROME 00711

Classified By: Economic Counselor William R. Meara for reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (C) SUMMARY: Post presented reftel A points to Italian MFA and Treasury officials on the delisting requests of Youssef Nada and Ali Ghaleb Himmat. The GOI no longer thinks a USG public statement on Nada's case is necessary, though it continues to face pressure from his attorney to support the de-listing request at the 1267 Committee. The GOI is likely to support Ali Ghaleb Himmat's de-listing, absent any new derogatory information. END SUMMARY

NADA

[1](#)2. (C) EconOff delivered reftel demarche to Alberto Comito of the Italian MFA; Comito said the GOI is in a difficult position with Nada's request. A Milanese magistrate found evidence that Nada had links to terrorists, but his actions were not criminal offenses at the time. Because he is no longer being prosecuted the GOI feels pressured to promote Nada's case for de-listing before the 1267 Committee. (Comment: This support will likely be rendered moot by Russian and UK holds on Nada's de-listing. End Comment.) Although an Administrative judge could potentially rule against the MFA for not giving Nada sufficient support, Comito said the GOI was "quite confident" in its position. Christina Collura, head of the Financial Crimes Unit, added that a judicial decision on Nada's petition might actually help the MFA by better defining its responsibilities and prerogatives vis a vis Italian citizens.

HIMMAT

[1](#)3. (C) Collura indicated that based on the Nasreddin and Nada precedents, the GOI was likely to support Himmat's de-listing request. (Comment: The new procedures outlined in reftel B have been operationalized and we can expect the GOI to oppose continued listing of any Italian national once charges have been dropped. End comment.) Comito did not have any new information to share with the USG on Himmat. SPOGLI